

Title: THE SHASRAJAH

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## REPORT ON THE SHASRAJAH

O Great Hierophant,  
sorrow fills mine heart  
to tell thee the regretful  
news that our great  
hope, the Shasrajah,  
cannot be counted on to  
attach the venomous  
fangs of victory about  
the necks of our enemies.  
Our great experiment  
hath failed.

As thou hast already  
been told, we had found a  
means by which the minds  
of our finest warriors  
and the bodies of snakes  
could be fused with one  
another. The resulting  
warrior would wreak  
terrible havoc on the  
forces of Order, bringing  
them their well-deserved  
destruction. In the  
earliest stages of the  
experiment all was well;  
we succeeded in joining  
Adder with Man in five  
of seven volunteers. The  
resulting form was  
vaguely humanoid, with  
resilient green skin, tough  
as the scales of a  
serpent.

We found that the  
soldiers' minds were very  
much unchanged, and  
coupled with the quickness  
and sensitivity to smell  
of the adder, the  
Shasrajah were formidable  
in battle. Their long necks  
had tremendous reach, and  
they preferred to attack

solely with their strong jaws. We were encouraged by this success, and accepted eighty-three more warriors to undergo the metamorphosis. All was well, as seventy-one survived. We believed we had found a counter to the automaton warriors the forces of Order had reputedly developed.

Much to our chagrin, however, our experiment went awry shortly thereafter. As we had them do battle to assess their powers, we noticed a disturbing trait -- the warrior would become more bloodthirsty and uncontrollable with each triumph! Soon they began to rebel against our commands. We had no choice but to exterminate them and begin anew, but the five hundred soldiers we sent against our own creations -- our monsters -- were unable to best them. We surrendered the area to them, enclosing them with stout doors in the corridors leading out. I can only assume that they have died. O Great Hierophant, I would recommend never performing these experiments again; they are more potentially dangerous than they are potentially helpful...